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Mr. John P. Puerner  
Publisher, President and Chief Executive Officer  
Los Angeles Times  
202 W. First Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Puerner:

I recently sent you a letter dated May 30, 2003 regarding fabricated stories in the Los Angeles Times via Federal Express overnight delivery, U.S. Postal Service certified mail and fax transmission. We have confirmation that all three modes have been successful. I have not yet received the courtesy of a response to my letter.

You should also be aware of the latest fabricated quote by your staff writer Stuart Pfeifer. In an article dated June 11, 2003 regarding the budget hearing by the Orange County Board of Supervisors, Mr. Pfeifer wrote: "Supervisor Bill Campbell inquired whether it was good policy for Rackauckas to assign a deputy prosecutor **who is the wife of the district attorney's campaign manager** to handle inquiries from reporters rather than prosecute cases." Supervisor Campbell did not say the above bold and underlined words that are attributed to him. The transcripts from this meeting are a matter of public record. You have an ethical obligation to confirm whether or not Mr. Pfeifer has once again fabricated quotes and/or sources.

We again respectfully request the Los Angeles Times quote the OCDA accurately to reflect our true comment that: "It is the official policy of the Office of the District Attorney not to respond to inquiries from any Los Angeles Times Staff Writers because of the past pattern of fabricated facts and events in the Los Angeles Times stories. Therefore, it would not be accurate for the Los Angeles Times to state that the Office has no comment, because this is our comment."

Sincerely,

District Attorney  
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